

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 935

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Edna Ottinger upon her receipt of the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Edna Ottinger of Cocke County, who recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation during the organization's 100th annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, this esteemed award is presented to those individuals who go above and beyond in their volunteer spirit with the Tennessee Farm Bureau and devote so much to ensure the organization succeeds; and

WHEREAS, Edna Ottinger's first encounter with the Farm Bureau began when she purchased insurance, but her involvement with the organization only grew as she became active at all levels and eventually became the first woman president to serve the Cocke County Board of Directors, in which position she served for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ottinger was raised by her mother, Cindi Moore, who ran a restaurant near Newport; she was an active member of 4-H and the school annual staff during her early years, graduating from Parrottsville High School in 1958; and

WHEREAS, after high school, she briefly attended East Tennessee State University before returning home to marry the love of her life, Burl Ottinger, whom she had known since she was a child; and

WHEREAS, as the wife of a dairy farmer, Mrs. Ottinger soon began to love life on the farm, where the Ottingers would raise their two children; and

WHEREAS, having always been an active part of her community, Mrs. Ottinger serves on the Parrottsville Health Clinic board and the home demonstration club, and she volunteers as a tutor in the adult literacy program; and

WHEREAS, church remains at the center of her life; she is a member of St. James Lutheran Church, where she faithfully served on committees and taught Sunday school for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, today, Mrs. Ottinger is the doting grandmother of five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; her beloved husband passed away in 2019, but his farming legacy still persists thanks to the dedication and persistence of Mrs. Ottinger; and

WHEREAS, Edna Ottinger is an exemplary individual; her commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Edna Ottinger of Cocke County upon her receipt of the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.